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## CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING JULY 23, 2000

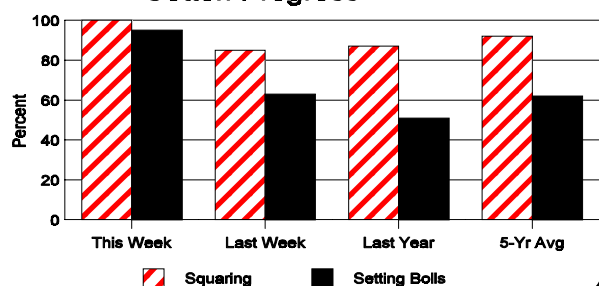
**NEW MEXICO:** The week consisted of 6.9 days suitable for field work. Farmers continued harvesting alfalfa and onions, and started digging potatoes last week. Onions remained in fair to excellent condition during the week, with 85 percent of the crop harvested. The corn crop was in fair to excellent condition, with 88 percent tasseling and 60 percent doughing. The alfalfa condition continued to improve over the week with the second cutting 97 percent complete and the third cutting 86 percent complete. The cotton condition remained in mostly fair to good condition, with boll setting increasing to 95 percent. There was less need for supplemental feeding of livestock across the state, but some areas are still in desperate need of rain. Cattle and sheep conditions improved slightly from last week. Pasture and range feed conditions were reported as 12% very poor, 38% poor, 34% fair, 15% good and 1% excellent, a slight decline from last week.

### CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS

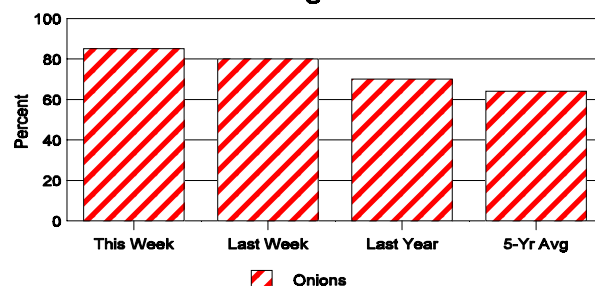
CROP PROGRESS		This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
<b>COTTON</b>	Squaring	100	85	87	92
	Setting Bolls	95	63	51	62
<b>CORN</b>	Silking	88	60	53	38
	Doughing	60	20	13	1/
<b>SORGHUM</b>	Heading	8	7	6	2
<b>ONIONS</b>	Harvested	85	80	70	64

1/ Not available.

### Cotton Progress



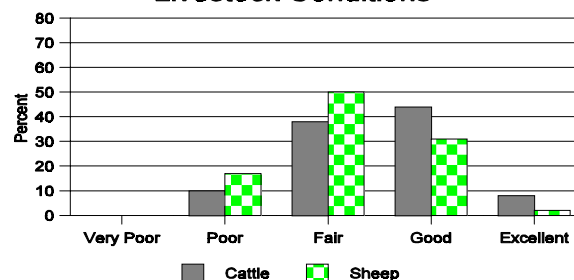
### Harvest Progress



### CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES

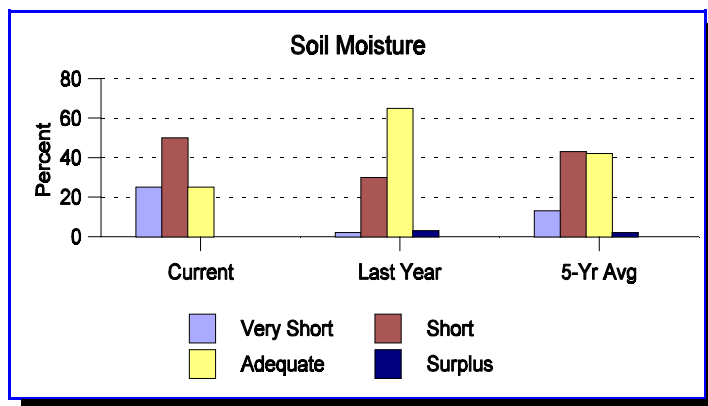
	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	--	6	20	48	26
Apples	--	--	70	30	--
Chile	--	2	25	63	10
Corn	--	--	12	76	12
Cotton	--	--	18	62	20
Onions	--	--	15	53	32
Peanuts	--	--	30	70	--
Pecans	--	--	28	51	21
Sorghum(Total)	5	6	45	43	1
Cattle	--	10	38	44	8
Sheep	--	17	50	31	2

### Livestock Conditions



### SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	62	38	---	---
Northeast	32	45	23	---
Southwest	7	59	34	---
Southeast	13	57	30	---
State	25	50	25	---
State-Last Year	2	30	65	3
State-5-Yr Avg.	13	43	42	2



### WEATHER SUMMARY

Hit and miss afternoon and evening thunderstorms produced some measurable rainfall at about two-thirds of the reporting stations this past week. However, most of the totals reported were less than an inch. The only locations that managed to collect at least an inch were Des Moines/Capulin (1.27") and Chama (1.04"). Temperatures were a little above average at most places, with a statewide average 2 degrees above normal. The mercury hit 100 degrees at most lower elevation stations in the south and east.

### NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS JULY 17-23 , 2000

Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	07/07 07/23	07/01 07/23	Normal July	01/01 07/23	Normal Jan-Jul
Carlsbad	86.1	104	68	0.00	1.04	1.79	3.61	5.74
Hobbs	82.4	103	63	0.00	0.10	2.51	2.71	8.65
Roswell	84.1	101	66	0.02	2.25	1.71	4.87	5.96
Clayton	74.1	92	57	T	1.37	2.70	6.03	9.00
Clovis	79.9	97	61	0.02	2.30	2.56	7.67	9.57
Roy	73.8	90	55	0.70	3.75	2.97	6.20	9.03
Tucumcari	81.9	101	61	0.57	1.38	3.30	6.28	8.57
Chama	67.4	88	47	1.04	1.67	2.24	10.13	11.08
Johnson Ranch	72.9	94	51	0.00	0.82	1.66	5.05	5.43
Capulin	68.9	86	51	1.27	3.09	3.25	8.85	10.52
Las Vegas	71.1	88	50	0.03	2.99	3.31	8.13	9.07
Los Alamos	68.4	84	52	0.39	1.11	3.25	4.70	9.66
Raton	68.4	89	49	0.31	2.75	2.66	10.01	9.82
Santa Fe	72.9	93	54	T	0.56	2.38	3.36	7.64
Red River	61.2	82	41	0.97	1.61	3.01	12.01	11.93
Farmington	78.2	99	55	0.21	0.36	0.94	3.40	4.31
Gallup	73.8	99	49	0.11	0.60	1.91	3.22	6.10
Grants	69.8	94	47	0.00	0.65	1.76	3.18	4.79
Silver City	76.4	94	61	0.00	0.00	2.65	5.11	7.55
Quemado	70.4	92	48	0.18	0.48	2.13	4.12	5.03
Albuquerque	80.6	96	63	0.44	0.74	1.37	3.46	4.42
Carrizozo	78.4	95	60	0.00	0.07	2.05	3.74	5.55
Gran Quivera	73.4	92	54	0.28	2.95	2.81	8.66	7.52
Moriarty	72.9	95	51	0.15	0.29	2.38	4.31	6.37
Ruidoso	67.9	86	47	0.02	0.85	4.02	7.64	10.99
Socorro	77.1	96	58	0.32	1.25	1.44	4.27	3.94
Alamogordo	81.9	100	62	0.00	0.16	2.23	1.51	5.51
Animas	83.0	99	65	0.02	1.13	2.26	3.76	4.74
Deming	83.4	100	65	0.04	0.30	2.15	3.78	4.43
T or C	83.1	102	68	0.12	0.49	1.86	4.73	4.44
Las Cruces	82.4	101	65	0.05	0.55	1.36	3.42	3.63

(T) Trace (-) No Report (\*) Correction

All reports based on preliminary data. Precipitation data corrected monthly from official observation forms.

## CATTLE INVENTORY

**July 1 Cattle Inventory Down 1 Percent:** All cattle and calves in the United States as of July 1, 2000, totaled 106.4 million head, 1 percent below the 107.0 million on July 1, 1999 and 1 percent below the 107.7 million two years ago.

All cows and heifers that have calved, at 43.2 million, were slightly below the 43.3 million on July 1, 1999 and 1 percent below the 43.6 million two years ago.

#Beef cows, at 34.0 million, were down 1 percent from July 1, 1999 and 1 percent below two years ago.

#Milk cows, at 9.25 million, were up 1 percent from July 1, 1999 and 1 percent above two years ago.

Other class estimates on July 1, 2000, and the changes from July 1 last year and two years ago, respectively, are as follows:

#All heifers 500 pounds and over, 16.5 million, down 1 percent from both years.

#Beef replacement heifers, 4.7 million, down 2 percent and down 6 percent.

#Milk replacement heifers, 3.7 million, unchanged and up 3 percent.

#Other heifers, 8.1 million, unchanged from both years.

#Steers weighing 500 pounds and over, 14.3 million, down 1 percent and down 2 percent.

#Bulls weighing 500 pounds and over, 2.1 million, down 5 percent from both years.

#Calves under 500 pounds, 30.3 million, down 1 percent from both years.

#All cattle and calves on feed for slaughter, 12.3 million, up 7 percent and up 12 percent.

**Calf Crop Up Slightly:** The 2000 calf crop is expected to be 38.9 million, up slightly from 1999 and 1998. Calves born during the first half of the year are estimated at 28.6 million, up slightly from both years.

**Cattle and Calves: Number of Class and Calf Crop, U.S., July 1, 1998-2000**

Class	1998	1999	2000	2000 as % of 1999
	-----1,000 Head-----			Percent
Cattle and Calves	107,000	107,000	106,400	99
Cows and Heifers that have Calved	43,600	43,300	43,200	100
Beef Cows	34,400	34,150	33,950	99
Milk Cows	9,200	9,150	9,250	101
Heifers 500 Pounds and Over	16,700	16,600	16,500	99
For Beef Cow Replacement	5,000	4,800	4,700	98
For Milk Cow Replacement	3,600	3,700	3,700	100
Other Heifers	8,100	8,100	8,100	100
Steers 500 Pounds and Over	14,600	14,400	14,300	99
Bulls 500 Pounds and Over	2,200	2,200	2,100	95
Calves Under 500 Pounds	30,600	30,500	30,300	99
Calf Crop	38,812	38,710	38,900	100
Cattle on Feed	11,000	11,500	12,300	107

## SHEEP INVENTORY

All sheep and lamb inventory in the United States on July 1, 2000, totaled 8.50 million head, 6 percent below July 1, 1999. Breeding sheep inventory declined to 5.03 million head on July 1, 2000, 6 percent below July 1999. Market sheep and lambs (including newborn lambs), at 3.47 million head, were 6 percent below last July.

Of the July 1, 2000 breeding herd, 4.12 million head were ewes one year old and older, 205,000 head were rams one year old and older, and 710,000 head were replacement lambs (including newborn lambs).

**All Sheep and Lambs Inventory: By Region and United States, July 1, 1999-2000**

Regions <sup>1/</sup>	All Sheep and Lambs			Breeding Sheep & Lambs		Market Sheep & Lambs	
	1999	2000	2000 as % of 1999	1999	2000	1999	2000
	----1,000 Head----			-----Percent-----			
	-----1,000 Head-----			-----1,000 Head-----			
Region 1	1,500	1,430	95	940	900	560	530
Region 2	2,000	1,800	90	1,300	1,170	700	630
Region 3	3,040	2,965	98	1,650	1,600	1,390	1,365
Region 4	1,340	1,300	97	740	715	600	585
Region 5	1,120	1,005	90	720	645	400	360
U.S.	9,000	8,500	94	5,350	5,030	3,650	3,470

<sup>1/</sup> States included in regions as follows: 1-AZ, CA, ID, NV, OR, & WA; 2-NM & TX; 3-CO, MT, SD, UT, & WY; 4-IA, KS, MN, MO, NE, ND, & OK; 5-All Other States.

### CATTLE ON FEED

**NEW MEXICO:** Cattle and calves on feed July 1 for the slaughter market in New Mexico totaled 89,000 head, 1,000 less than a month earlier but 7,000 more than a year ago. Placements of cattle and calves on feed during June totaled 15,000 head, 3,000 below May and 1,000 head less than in June 1999. Marketings of fed cattle were 16,000 head in June, unchanged from marketings in May, but 3,000 less than in June 1999.

**UNITED STATES:** Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.39 million head on July 1, 2000. Placements in feedlots during June totaled 1.66 million, 7 percent below 1999 but 6 percent above 1998. Marketings of fed cattle during June totaled 2.16 million, slightly above 1999 and 6 percent above 1998.

**Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings, and Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots <sup>1/</sup>**

	Number on Feed			Placed			Marketed			Other Disappearance <sup>2/</sup>		
	7/1/99	6/1/00	7/1/00	-----DURING-----								
				6/99	5/00	6/00	6/99	5/00	6/00	6/99	5/00	6/00
	-----1,000 Head-----											
AZ	198	276	274	20	37	34	26	32	35	3	5	1
CA	375	410	410	60	65	58	50	52	53	5	8	5
CO	1,020	1,180	1,090	160	195	150	225	180	230	5	15	10
ID	275	305	290	61	60	60	62	58	65	9	12	10
IA	310	355*	345	45	41*	46	64	54*	55	1	2	1
KS	1,960	2,290	2,160	410	550	360	460	470	485	10	20	5
NE	1,790	2,100	1,950	300	390	315	500	510	460	10	20	5
<b>NM</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>
OK	325	375	355	73	103	62	76	86	78	2	2	4
SD	140	165	144	15	23	18	36	31	37	3	7	2
TX	2,530	2,800	2,730	520	720	450	510	565	510	10	15	10
WA	215	216	202	65	44	48	48	46	61	1	0	1
Oth Sts	345	375	350	49	59	48	77	67	70	2	7	3
<b>US</b>	9,565	10,937*	10,389	1,794	2,305*	1,664	2,153	2,167*	2,155	63	115	57

<sup>1/</sup> Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better. <sup>2/</sup> Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pastures, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding. \*Revisions.